

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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**--Abstract**

B To obtain best performance from a turbo decoder using a SOVA algorithm a normalization unit is used. By using normalization, the complexity of the decoder is increased. To decrease the complexity it is proposed not to normalize all of the decoding units output. In this way, computational complexity is reduced with only a small degradation in performance.--

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